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BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WORLD DISASTER AREAS

TO: The Honourable Harvey W. Schroeder
Minister of Agriculture and Food

Sir:

I have the honour to present the report on the Government of British Columbia's Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries Program for the fiscal year 1984/85.

It can be seen from the table on the next page that assistance was provided to 18 organizations sponsoring 40 development projects or disaster operations during the year. The total amount now committed by the Government of British Columbia in the life of the program since 1969 is $7,721,576 in support of 792 projects. Short summaries of the projects supported in 1984 and a map of their locations are given in the body of the report.

The report also shows that, despite the economic difficulties of the times and necessity for practising restraint in all areas, the Government has continued to provide financial support for British Columbia-based non-government organizations. The standard of project continues to be high and, at time of writing, there are 70 projects supported by British Columbia actually in progress.

The guidelines for the Advisory Committee are included in the report for readers unfamiliar with the program. Administration is kept as simple as possible. The first step for any interested applicant is to provide satisfactory proof of eligibility. After that, an application may be made by the sponsoring organization on the form provided by the Secretary. At the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, the project proposal is reviewed on its merits, in relation to the guidelines and the amount of the budget still uncommitted. If the project receives favourable review, a recommendation is made to the Minister on the amount that should be granted in its support. Enclosed with the cheque is a project progress report form and a date given for the return of the form. When all Government funds have been spent on the project and upon its completion, the file on the project is formally closed.

During the year under review, another long-standing member of the Advisory Committee retired from service with the Provincial Government. John Newman has served on the committee since 1972. He has always taken an active interest in the problems of the Third World and their resolution. His counsel will be missed on the committee.

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Report to the Honourable Harvey W. Schroeder (cont'd)

At the end of the fiscal year the administrator of the program, Philip Pettyfer, was invited to visit projects in Southern India as the guest of Food for the Hungry/Canada. He returned with impressions that will be important for future project assessment. In particular, he was able to recognize at firsthand the value of good partnership between Canadian and indigenous non-government organizations in the pursuit of a common goal.

G. A. MacEachern
Chairman
B.C. Agricultural Aid
Advisory Committee

TOTAL AMOUNT GRANTED TO EACH ORGANIZATION
DURING PERIOD APRIL 1, 1984 TO MARCH 31, 1985
AND THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

Organization	Projects	Amount
Canadian Hunger Foundation	4	$ 6,000
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	2	20,000
Canadian Organization for Development through Education	2	4,750
Canadian Red Cross Society	7	30,000
Canadian University Service Overseas	3	12,000
Food for the Hungry/Canada	3	21,000
Frontiers Foundation	1	10,000
Inter-Action	1	5,000
International Association for the Transformation of Man	1	3,000
Inter Pares	1	6,500
Operation Eyesight Universal	1	10,000
OXFAM Canada	1	6,000
Tibetan Refugee Aid Society	1	10,000
UNICEF	1	10,000
Unitarian Services Committee of Canada	1	12,000
World Concern	1	8,000
World Vision Canada	8	15,744
YMCA of Greater Vancouver	1	10,000
	40	$199,994

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF APPROVED PROJECTS

April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985

CANADIAN HUNGER FOUNDATION

Animal Husbandry, Bangladesh ..... $ 2,000

Eleven villages of 30,000 people are involved in this project, whose objectives are to provide instruction in animal husbandry, purchase of milk cows, improvement of stock through artificial insemination, establishment of a revolving fund, and a general improvement of marketing methods.

Integrated Food Production, Sierra Leone ..... $ 2,000

The villagers in Bonthe District will be provided with seed and fertilizer for the cultivation of 90 ha of swamp rice, and helped to construct a piggery. Extension workers will show the farmers how to improve their management practices and marketing skills.

Mukalana Development, Sri Lanka ..... $ 1,000

The general aim is to improve the standard of living in the village of Mukalana. Twenty wells will be dug and 10 bio-gas units built. The bio-gas will provide a cheap source of fuel and the slurry used to assist in the cultivation of crops.

Agricultural Cooperatives, Zimbabwe ..... $ 1,000

This project will assist 60 small cooperatives in six regions of Zimbabwe. Each cooperative will be provided with seed, fertilizer and pesticides for the cultivation of various horticulture and field crops. Extension personnel will be available to teach alternative methods of cultivating the crops and to assist in marketing the produce.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Rangpur-Dinajpur Rehabilitation Service, Bangladesh $10,000

The program has now been operating for 14 years in the provinces of Rangpur and Dinajpur. In 1984, some real inroads were made in agriculture, water development, cooperatives and women's work. A new, simple foot-operated pump has been developed, which is doing excellent service for the poorest of the poor.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (cont'd)

West Bengal Rehabilitation and Development Program, India $10,000

The Government of British Columbia continues to support this comprehensive program. During the past decade the approach adopted in the agricultural sector has facilitated conditions for increased productivity among 25,600 peasant families, and another 50,000 families were assisted through receipt of seeds and fertilizers during several post-emergency relief and rehabilitation periods.

CANADIAN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Printing of a Syllabus in Sar, Chad ..... $ 1,750

The objective of the project is to develop a comprehensive syllabus in the indigenous language, Sar, designed to teach subsistence farmers to read in their mother tongue. Books, which will be sold at a nominal price, include subjects to assist training in various farming techniques.

Centre for Development Communication, India ..... $ 3,000

To help development groups communicate more effectively with communities with which they are involved, sets of flashcards will be produced. Each card, designed for audiences of 25 people, narrates a story on some aspect of farming, after which an extension worker proceeds to a question-and-answer session.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Disaster Relief Operations. All grants were made for purchase of relief supplies and to help cover operational expenses.

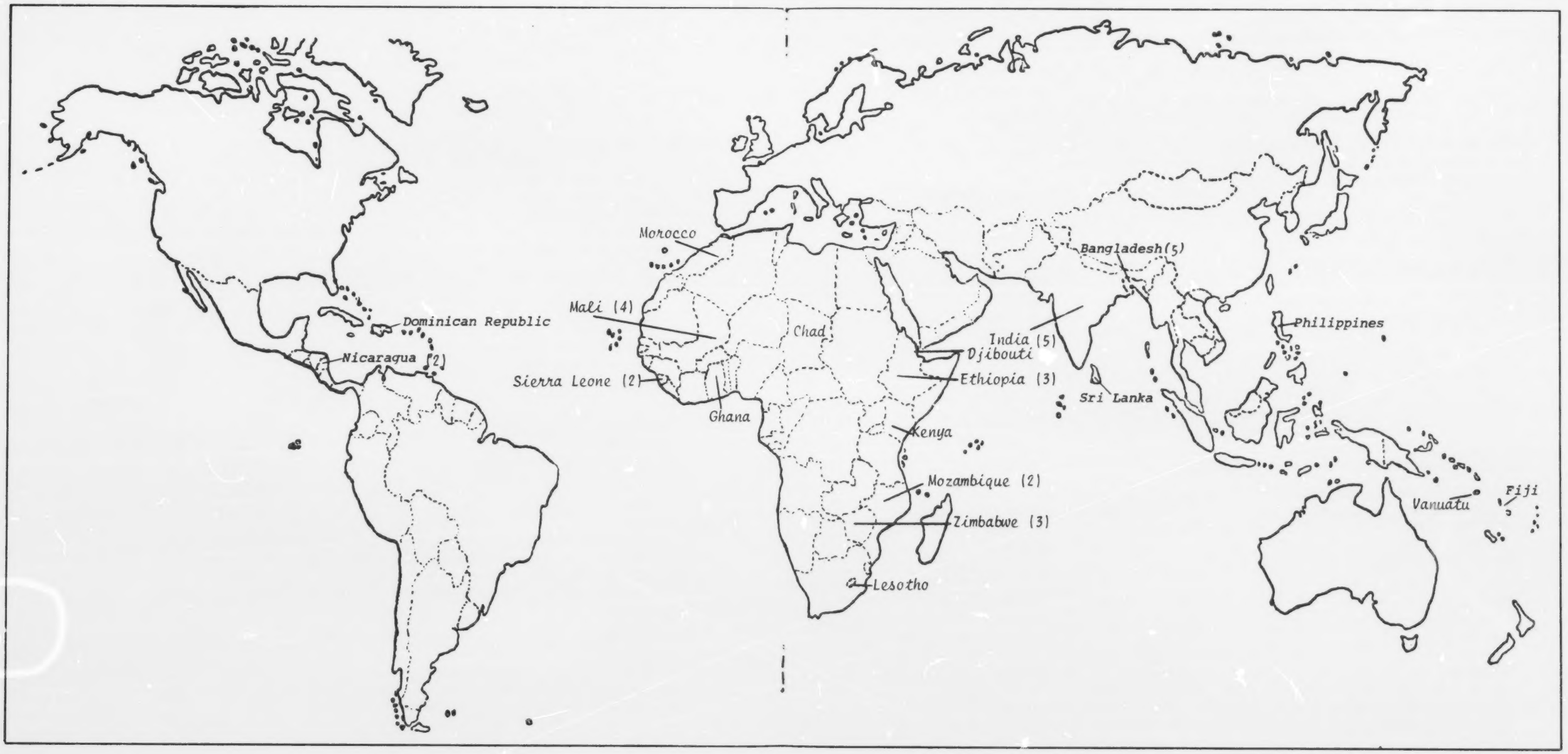
Drought, Africa $15,000

The general situation of negligible harvests after inadequate rainall is now well-known to the public. This appeal for nine African countries came when it was clear that support was needed for immediate human aid, and for agricultural and animal husbandry recovery programs.

Floods, Bangladesh ..... $ 5,000

In May, 1984, flash floods seriously affected the eastern part of the country where about 2 million people live. Many houses were damaged and 15,000 cattle perished.

Locations of the Projects Supported by the
Government of British Columbia during 1984-85



CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY (cont'd)

Drought, Djibouti ..... $ 2,000

Djibouti, barely recovered from a drought in 1981, again suffered an almost total lack of rainfall in 1984. An appeal was issued in June for 22,000 people in remote districts who were badly affected and who had lost a considerable number of livestock.

Drought, Mali ..... $ 2,000

The Gao region of Mali has suffered from insufficient rainfall for several years. In this region of 300 square km and 400,000 inhabitants, the situation was critical, rice production being one-third and sorghum being one-fifth the usual amount. In normal times half the population are nomads; the present situation has caused the sedentary population also to travel in search of water.

Drought, Morocco ..... $ 2,000

A serious drought has been affecting a large part of Morocco, in particular the southern provinces, for five years. A relief feeding program has been instituted and is aimed at the 250,000 children, pregnant women, nursing mothers and old people in the hardest hit regions.

Drought, Mozambique ..... $ 2,000

After two years with little or no rain, Mozambique's southern regions were in dire straits by the end of 1983, with an estimated 4 million people being affected and substantial animal losses reported.

Drought, Zimbabwe ..... $ 2,000

This appeal was necessitated by the influx of refugees from Mozambique into Zimbabwe, which could not feed them adequately. A supplementary feeding program was established especially for the 90,000 children under five years of age, in addition to the distribution of blankets, clothing and cooking utensils.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SERVICE OVERSEAS

Tafo Rabbitry, Ghana ..... $ 2,050

The objective is to purchase construction materials for hutches, and to teach 25 farmers the rudiments of raising rabbits for profit. The project coordinator was to visit the participants at two months' intervals to advise and check progress.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY SERVICE OVERSEAS (cont'd)

Cattle Husbandry, Mozambique $3,700

The objective is to establish a centre for cattle management that will benefit about 1,000 families through advice on breeding and animal traction, and availability of anti-tick baths. The centre will also act as a store to provide families with consumer goods.

Potato Self-Sufficiency, Nicaragua ..... $ 6,250

The objective of this project is to improve the quality and quantity of potatoes for farmers by the provision of 250 tonnes of Canadian certified seed potatoes. Courses will be given to the farmers on seed production and disease control.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY/CANADA

Tree Nursery, Dominican Republic $10,000

Rapid, unchecked destruction of forest cover constitutes a serious threat to many developing countries. This project's objective is to increase the supply of seedlings produced in the Dominican Republic by about 3 million, thereby reforesting 3,000 ha to the advantage of communities nearby.

Ramnagar Agriculture, India ..... $ 5,000

A government hydroelectric project in Karnataka State has resulted in flooding upstream. A resettlement site has been allocated for the affected 10,000 people at Ramnagar, and the task of establishing an agricultural base must proceed without delay. Crop loans will be provided, animal and crop husbandry taught to farmers and marketing practices introduced.

Dairy Expansion, Zimbabwe ..... $ 6,000

The supply of milk from the dairy at the Kutama Mission Farm will be doubled by the addition of several cows, two more wells, and the cultivation of another 80 ha of land. This will add to the diet of the students, teachers and 2,500 members of the local community.

FRONTIERS FOUNDATION

Matham Farmers' Cooperative, Sierra Leone $10,000

Swamp land of 40 ha will be developed by members of the cooperative for rice, maize and cassava. The harvest will be used as seed or sold to the community at a reasonable price.

INTER-ACTION

World Food Day ..... $ 5,000

World Food Day is celebrated annually on October 16 by all member countries of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In 1984, British Columbia again produced an educational program including school groups, the universities, church congregations, libraries and malls, and the media. It is estimated that over 4,000 school teachers and 350,000 students in the province took part in some activity to recognize the food situation in the world and in particular the role of women in agriculture.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF MAN

Agro-forestry, Philippines ..... $ 3,000

The objectives are to expand existing forest nurseries in two barrios 400 km north of Manila, to develop a demonstration garden in another barrio, and to introduce new crops suitable for upland conditions. Through improved agricultural practices more than 12,000 tribes-people will benefit from better crop production and a greater variety of food.

INTER PARES

Community Irrigation, India ..... $ 6,500

This project is part of a development program which aims at raising the capacity of rural people to improve their own socio-economic situation. The grant was made for the establishment of a well site in the Madurai District of Tamil Nadu to serve several farms surrounding the site and jointly owned by the farmers themselves.

OPERATION EYESIGHT UNIVERSAL

Rural Eye Camps, Bangladesh $10,000

The beneficiaries of this program are agriculturally oriented villagers. Teams of specialists establish temporary village camps where they perform surgery and provide medical treatment for eye diseases.

OXFAM CANADA

Food Self-Sufficiency, Nicaragua ..... $ 6,000

The objective is to improve the daily diet of about 1,000 families through the purchase of seed and livestock, the construction of corrals, and building small dams for irrigation projects. Extra produce will be sold by cooperatives to the urban population at affordable prices.

TIBETAN REFUGEE AID SOCIETY

Meghalaya Cooperative, India $10,000

This project calls for upgrading the rural population of about 40,000 people through agricultural and education programs involving the introduction of better crops and livestock, and instruction in farm management practices.

UNICEF

Home Food Production, South Pacific $10,000

An estimated 50,000 people throughout the region will benefit from an increased variety of nutritious and inexpensive food from back-yard gardens. UNICEF has been promoting mixed home gardening as a solution to inadequate nutrition for many years. Courses are being developed at agricultural schools in Samoa and Fiji; workshops are being held in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and possibly Tonga, Tuvalu and Cook Islands.

UNITARIAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CANADA

Rural Development, Bangladesh $12,000

More than 400 families will benefit directly by the provision of tube-wells that should allow double cropping, introduction of high yielding seeds, and regular supervision by qualified extension workers. These landless families are being given access to 1/2 ha of land each and, in time, should make enough profit to buy their own land.

WORLD CONCERN

Hurri Hills Grazing Ecosystem, Kenya ..... $ 8,000

The people who will benefit as a result of this project are the 16,000 nomads who traditionally graze their livestock in the hills bounded by the Ethiopian border to the north and the Chalbi desert to the south. By planting trees, building earthern dams, and digging wells, an environment is being created where the people can feel more secure against drought.

WORLD VISION CANADA

Asketes Development, Ethiopia ..... $ 4,688

The objective of this project in Gojjum Province is to enable 50 families to become self-sufficient in agricultural production through construction of a small dam, provision of tools, and purchase of oxen, cows and seeds.

WORLD VISION CANADA (cont'd)

Debre and Abma Mariam Development, Ethiopia ..... $ 1,108

The 800 people in these two communities will be given land and the means to begin farming it. The project manager has 20 years of experience in administering work of this kind.

Seraguo Development, Ethiopia ..... $ 554

This community lives in the mountainous region of Gondor. The local farmers' association has provided land for 40 families from the village, and oxen, seeds and fertilizer will be provided by the project sponsor.

Victoria Community, Lesotho ..... $ 1,500

About 5,000 people will benefit through the construction of five wells, the provision of clean drinking water, and the establishment of vegetable gardens in the five villages.

Kokorona Village Cooperative, Mali ..... $ 2,487

The objective is to help farmers increase production by cultivating peanuts and millet on 12 ha with an expected output of 12 tonnes. About 14,000 people will benefit indirecIty.

Soumazangasso Village, Mali ..... $ 2,632

About 7,000 people will benefit from this project to cultivate 7 ha for the production of millet, sorghum, peanuts and cotton, and to provide the village with a water supply all year-round.

Tiefala Cooperative, Mali ..... $ 1,730

There are over 5,000 people in this community which is establishing a cooperative to farm and market produce from 10 ha. Some cows, horses, ploughs, and fertilizer are being supplied and a storage shed will be built by the farmers.

Makira Community, Vanuatu ..... $ 1,045

This project involves all 45 families on Makira Island, which has few natural resources but where fish are plentiful in the surrounding waters. The community will be provided with storage facilities and assisted in securing market outlets for the fish.

YMCA OF GREATER VANCOUVER

Rural Development, Fiji $10,000

The project resulted from requests from seven villages, whose people have seen the success of earlier development schemes in other villages. About 350 families will benefit from expanded goat and beef cattle programs, and the introduction of new strains of yams.

GUIDELINES

FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. WHO MAY APPLY FOR A B.C. AGRICULTURAL AID GRANT?

To be eligible to receive a grant, an organization must normally be:

a) Non-governmental and non-profit.
b) Clearly identifiable as Canadian, perferably with headquarters or offices in British Columbia.
c) In the case of religious organizations, a provincial or parent body.
d) Managed efficiently and provide evidence of competence to carry out the project or disaster relief.
e) Prepared to provide the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee with documentary evidence of its ability to meet its share of the financial and other obligations related to the project or disaster relief.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED

An organization, when applying for a grant for the first time, must provide:

a) Full legal name, address and telephone number.
b) Date of founding, incorporation (if applicable) and details of registration.
c) Copy of the charter of incorporation, constitution or similar document.
d) Names of members of the board, executive officer and principal staff.
e) Copy of the most recent audited financial statement and the annual report to the Registrar-General of Charitable Organizations or the Provincial Registrar (if the organization is registered under the Income Tax Act).
f) A copy of the annual report and the most recent informational material issued by the organization.

Each organization should ensure that this material is kept up to date by submitting annual reports and other relevant material to the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee.

A description of each project should be submitted on a Projects Submission Form, which can be obtained from the Executive Officer, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z7.

3. TYPES OF PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may recommend a grant be made to the sponsoring organization to provide:

a) Direct support for a project with a significant agricultural component, e.g., well digging, land clearing, farm equipment.

b) Support for agriculturally related education, with emphasis on land and water development as well as technical and scientific agricultural subject matter.

c) Assistance following a disaster. In the case of a serious disaster the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee is usually aware of the situation and is prepared to recommend cash aid or other assistance immediately following submission by a non-government organization.

d) Discretionary aid in the form of matching grants. In these cases, submissions are accepted from organizations other than those involved basically in world aid, but to qualify for matching grants, funds must be raised by the private sector in British Columbia.

4. APPRAISAL OF PROJECTS

Apart from disaster relief, the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee carefully considers each project which should:

a) Contribute significantly to social and economic development by creating jobs, developing human resources, etc.

b) Foster self-reliance by encouraging local management and initiative.

c) Make the maximum use of local human and financial resources.

d) Assist the underprivileged.

e) Be on-going, with development continuing after the cessation of funds.

The objectives of the project should be clear and realistically attainable within the limits of the resources and time available. All details should be set out clearly to show the project is financially and economically sound and is well accepted by the country concerned.

Support of a project must not be assumed by an organization until it is informed, in writing, by the Chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee, that a grant has been approved.

5. GRANT LIMITATIONS

Grants may not be made to an organization that is in arrears with its reporting, or fails to meet its financial or other obligations, or has performed unsatisfactorily on previously assisted projects.

B.C. Agricultural Aid grants may be made in one lump sum payment on initiation of the project, or paid in instalments based on the project's requirements and on receipt of satisfactory progress reports.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee will try to avoid excessive concentration on grants to one organization, country or economic sector.

The B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee may consult with agencies submitting several requests to establish priorities.

Grants for advanced training should be confined to the general area in which the applicant resides.

6. TIME SPAN OF SUPPORT

Support is normally for one year at a time. It may be possible, however, for the B.C. Agricultural Aid Advisory Committee to indicate conditional support for longer periods, subject to satisfactory progress reports and approval of funds by the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION

An organization which receives a grant from the Government of British Columbia is responsible for competent administration of the grant, and providing progress reports and a final report on the project within the deadlines given.

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